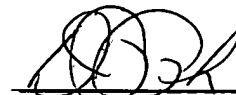


**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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